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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: Color and Symbol Coded Visual Cues for Relating Screen Items to Each Other

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding office action of 1/16/2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Formal drawings are being submitted to the draftsperson under separate cover.

In the Specification:

(As per 37 CFR 1.121 amended items are provided below in clean form with a marked-up version attached in Appendix A)

Please amend the Abstract to read as follows:

Described is a system and method for visually delineating a relationship between diverse, but related graphical objects in a graphical user interface. An icon that has a specified color scheme is associated with the diverse, but related graphical objects. When one of the related graphical objects is displayed, the icon is displayed within the displayed graphical object. The persistence of the icon with the specified color scheme in the displayed graphical objects them to be recognized as related.